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SECSTATE FOR MS. DERIAN

BUENOS AIRES AND MONTEVIDEO FOR AMBASSADORS HILL AND SIRACUSA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, AR, PA, OVIP (DERIAN, PATRICIA)

SUBJ: VISIT TO ARGENTINA OF COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: A) STATE 60512, B) STATE 60927

1. DELIGHTED WITH MS. DERIAN'S INITIATIVE IN VISITING
THIS AREA AT THE OUTSET OF HER ASSIGNMENT.

2. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS WORST POSSIBLE TIME FOR ME.
DURING HER WEEK IN BUENOS AIRES, I WILL RECEIVE VISITS
OF SENATOR GRAVEL; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REYNOLDS
METAL REGARDING BUILDING OF A MAJOR HYDROELECTRIC
PLANT; WILL HAVE TO ATTEND OPENING OF CONGRESS AND AM
INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS, BRIEFINGS AND OTHER EVENTS
FOR DEPARTING PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.,
PROFESSOR MARIO LOPEZ ESCOBAR. THIS COMBINATION OF
EVENTS WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET AWAY.

3. AS MS. DERIAN AWARE, PARAGUAY'S HUMAN RIGHTS
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PROBLEMS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF ARGENTINA
AND URUGUAY WHERE GOVERNMENTS FACE ORGANIZED AND
TRAINED GUERRILLA OPOSITION. PARAGUAY'S SECURITY
PROBLEMS CONSIDERABLY LESS GRAVE BUT GOP HAS BEEN
ACCUSED OF GENOCIDE OF INDIAN TRIBES, AN ISSUE
WHICH DOES NOT APPLY TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THERE-
FORE MY PRESENCE AT MEETING MIGHT NOT BE ALL THAT

WORTHWHILE TO MY COLLEAGUES.

4. IN ACCORDANCE REF(B) MS. DERIAN PLANNING TO DEPART BUENOS AIRES SUNDAY APRIL 3. COULD MS. DERIAN AND FRED RONDON COME THAT DAY TO ASUNCION (TWO FLIGHTS AVAILABLE) FOR BRIEFINGS WITH ME AND STAFF? THERE IS A DIRECT BRANIFF FLIGHT MONDAY EVENING TO MIAMI, AND DURING THAT DAY MS. DERIAN COULD MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MOST USEFUL AND WORTHWHILE EXERCISE. IN THAT CASE I WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE MS. DERIAN AND FRED STAY WITH US AT RESIDENCE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.

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